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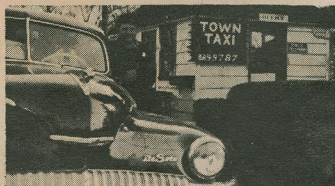
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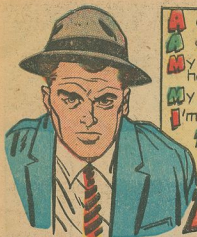
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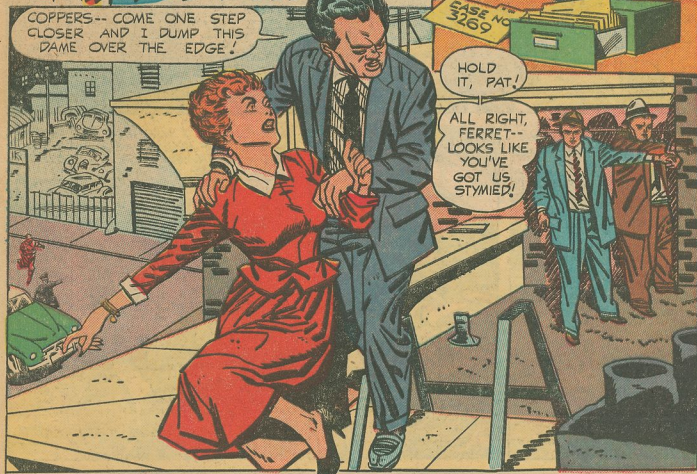
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A city is not only buildings and streets, parks and bridges.
City is also people!
My target is anyone who threatens the safety and happiness of the city's people.
My name is Mark Fabian. Sergeant Mark Fabian.
I'm a cop.

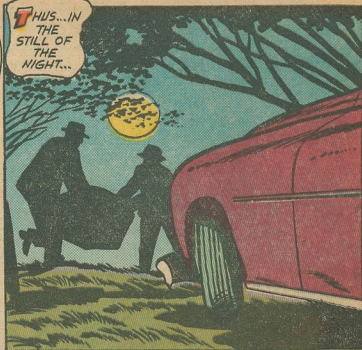
This is not a pretty story! It deals with the Greatest Social Menace of Our Time! For its victims, degradation is only the beginning...and

DEATH IS THE PAYOFF!



THIS STORY HAD STARTED EARLIER IN A SHODDY UPTOWN FLAT... 48 HOURS EARLIER... WITH A DIFFERENT GIRL...

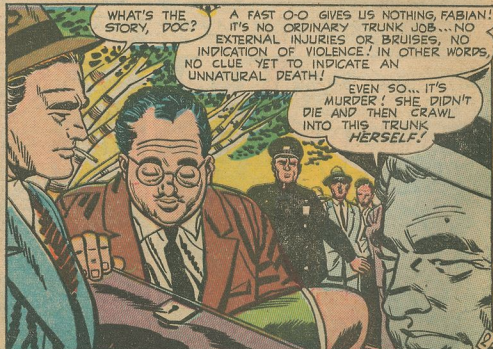
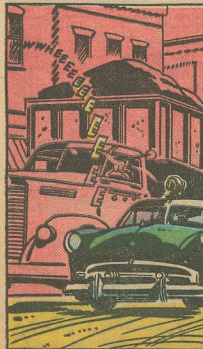




...AND LATER, IN THE MORNING...



PAT POLO AND I WERE WORKING THE DAY WATCH OUT OF HOMICIDE WHEN THE CALL CAME THROUGH. WE WASTED NEITHER TIME NOR MOTION...



OUR WORK'S CUT OUT FOR US, PAT! ALL WE GOT TO DO IS FIND OUT WHO SHE WAS, HOW SHE WAS KILLED AND WHO KILLED HER!

HMMF! THEY TOLD ME AT THE POLICE ACADEMY THERE'D BE DAYS LIKE THIS!

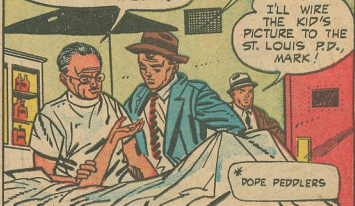


LATER, A DETAILED EXAMINATION SHOWED THE BODY WASN'T BARREN OF CLUES! THERE WAS THE TRADE-MARK OF AN EAST ST. LOUIS STORE STAMPED ON THE VICTIM'S SHOE... AND...

...SHE WAS STILL IN HER TEENS... HARDLY HAD TIME TO GET ALL THESE PUNCTURES IN HER SKIN! BUT, HERE THEY ARE... SEE 'EM, FABIAN?

SO, SHE WAS ON POPE, EH? ANOTHER LIFE BLOTTED OUT BY PUSHERS!

I'LL WIRE THE KID'S PICTURE TO THE ST. LOUIS P.D., MARK!



ST. LOUIS KNEW THE KID ALL RIGHT. HER NAME WAS MELLA TREBS. AS A LARK, SHE'D STARTED ON KEEFERS IN HIGH SCHOOL. AT 16, MELLA WAS ALREADY ON HORSE (HEROIN), WHEN THE COPS FIRST PICKED HER UP...

WE'D WORKED WITH DETECTIVE IZZY BRADY OF THE NARCOTICS SQUAD ONCE BEFORE... COLLARING A JUNK-CRAZED HOOP IN AN EAST SIDE TENEMENT...

NICE WORK, FABIAN! THIS PUSHER COULDN'T HAVE FURNISHED ANY INFO DEAD!

DON'T WORRY, BRADY... WHEN FABIAN SLUGS 'EM THEY'RE ONLY HALF DEAD!

...AFTER WHICH SHE WAS SENT TO THE FEDERAL NARCOTICS ADDICTION HOSPITAL AT LEXINGTON, KY.!

THE RECORDS SHOW SHE WAS RELEASED ONLY RECENTLY. SHE MUST'VE RELAPSED-- MANY OF THE "CURED" DO!

LET'S GO SEE, BRADY!



FABIAN, WE'VE GOT A COUPLE OF PUSHERS SPOTTED UP IN THE SQUARE! COULD BE THERE'S A CONNECTION! LET'S GO!

ISRAEL BRADY
NARCOTICS SQUAD



SEE THAT COUPLE, FABIAN? THEY LOITER ALONG HERE EVERY DAY AT JUST THIS TIME! I'M ABOUT READY TO MOVE IN ON THEM!

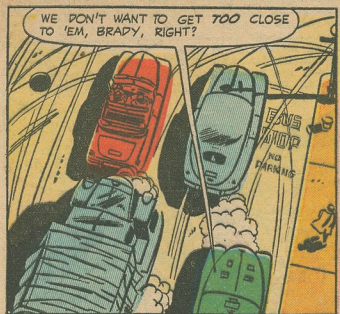
HOW'D YOU LATCH ON THAT THEY WERE PUSHERS, BRADY?



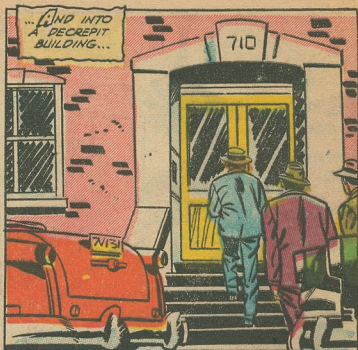
THEY SHAKE HANDS WITH TOO MANY PEOPLE! IN A BIG CITY, NOBODY RUNS INTO THAT MANY FRIENDS! BESIDES-- WE GOT A FILE ON 'EM!



LATER, WHEN THE PUSHERS LEAVE THEIR CORNER, WE TRAIL THEM THROUGH THE UPTOWN SLUMS...



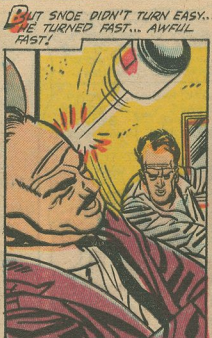
WE DON'T WANT TO GET TOO CLOSE TO 'EM, BRADY, RIGHT?



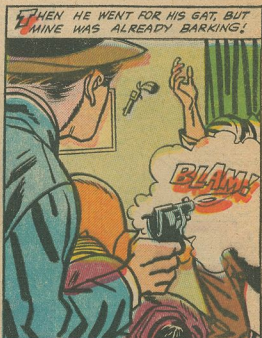
...AND INTO A DECREPT BUILDING...



...THEN... WE'RE POLICE OFFICERS, SNOE! NOW JUST TURN AROUND SLOW AND EASY...



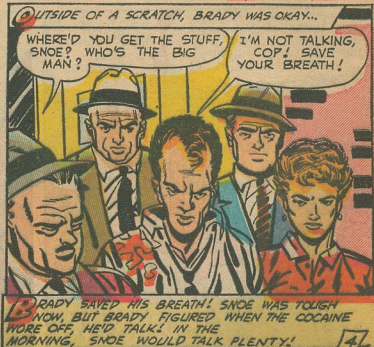
BUT SNOE DIDN'T TURN EASY... HE TURNED FAST... AWFUL FAST!



WHEN HE WENT FOR HIS GAT, BUT MINE WAS ALREADY BARKING!



SNOE MUST HAVE BEEN COKE UP, BECAUSE EVEN WITH A SLUG IN HIS SHOULDER, HE WAS STILL FULL OF FIGHT! I DECKED HIM WITH A SOLID RIGHT! THAT DID IT!



OUTSIDE OF A SCRATCH, BRADY WAS OKAY...

WHERE'D YOU GET THE STUFF, SNOE? WHO'S THE BIG MAN?

I'M NOT TALKING, COP! SAVE YOUR BREATH!

BRADY SAVED HIS BREATH! SNOE WAS TOUGH NOW, BUT BRADY FIGURED WHEN THE COCAINE WORE OFF, HE'D TALK! IN THE MORNING, SNOE WOULD TALK PLENTY!

BUT SNOE OUTFOXED US...HE DIDN'T WAIT FOR MORNING... HE KNEW HIS SINS HAD CAUGHT UP WITH HIM, AND DURING THE NIGHT HE COMMITTED THE FINAL ACT OF HIS MISSPENT LIFE.

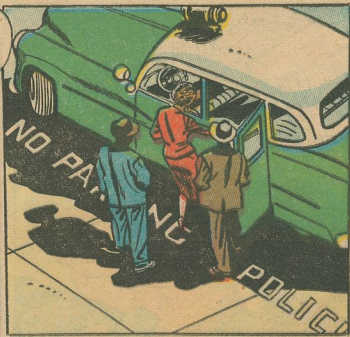


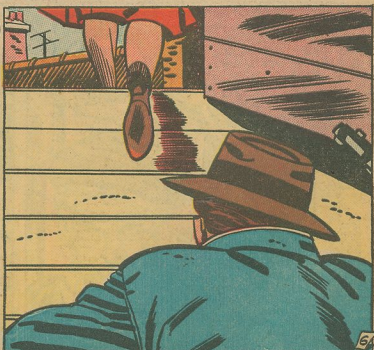
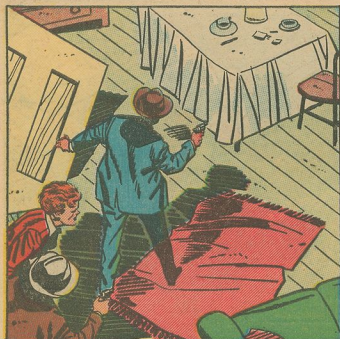
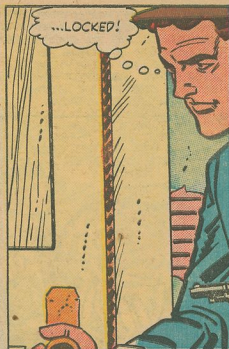
WHAT LEFT US ONLY LURA MAXEY, SNOE'S CO-WORKER! LURA SEEMED WILLING TO COOPERATE, APPARENTLY, SHE WAS TOO FRIGHTENED TO DO ANYTHING ELSE! SHE ADMITTED SHE'D KNOWN OUR TRUNK VICTIM AS A DOPE ADDICT...

THAT'S A PICTURE OF MELLA... SNOE TOLD ME A "SPEEDBALL" KILLED HER AT THE BOSS' PLACE THE OTHER NIGHT...



THE BOSS, LURA? THE MAN WHO SUPPLIES YOU PUSHERS WITH THE DOPE YOU PEDDLE? WHO IS HE? WHERE DO WE FIND HIM?







WHAT HAPPENED NEXT HAPPENED FAST! THE GIRL WAS STRUGGLING AGAINST FERRET... A PIECE OF THE ROTTED LEDGE GAVE WAY, AND...



DOPE AND SWITCHBLADES
SEEM TO GO TOGETHER.
THIS RAT HAD ONE, TOO,
AND WE WANTED HIM
ALIVE... SO...



HEROIN WORTH 50 G'S TO THE UNDER-
WORLD WAS FOUND IN FERRET'S ROOM!
AT LEAST THAT WOULD NEVER REACH
THE PUSHERS...



SMITTY, KEEP
THIS RAT ON ICE
FOR A WHILE!

LIKE NOTHING BETTER,
SERGEANT FABIAN!
INSIDE, FERRET!



THE INDICTMENT
AGAINST
FERRET
READS... "FOR
UNLAWFULLY
AND
FELONIOUSLY
SELLING
A
QUANTITY
OF MORPHINE
TO ONE,
MELLA TREBS,
AND
INTRODUCING
SAME
INTO
HER
VEINS,
CAUSING
DEATH..."

...FERRET WANTED HIS VICTIMS TO BUY **DOUBLE** THE
AMOUNT OF NARCOTICS, SO HE TAUGHT THEM NEW WAYS
TO USE IT! THE STATE WILL PROVE THAT FERRET FORCED
MELLA TREBS TO TRY A VARIATION OF THE ADDICT'S
GREATEST KICK... THE "SPEED BALL" HE INJECTED
A QUANTITY OF MORPHINE INTO HER VEINS AT
THE SAME TIME SHE WAS
SNIFFING COCAINE!



THE FILE IS CLOSED! FERRET WILL FRY!
HE'S NO LONGER A PROBLEM TO US! OUR
PROBLEM IS TO FIND THE MEN **BEHIND**
ALL THE FERRETS IN THE VICIOUS DOPE
TRAFFIC! WE'RE WORKING AT IT AND
SOME DAY WE WILL FIND THEM...!



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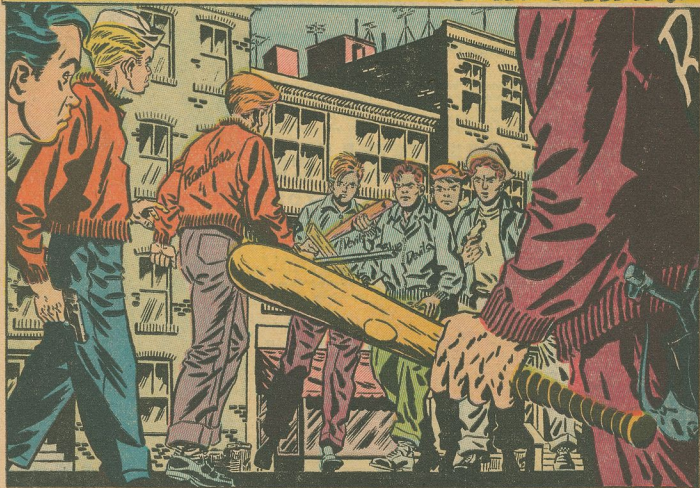
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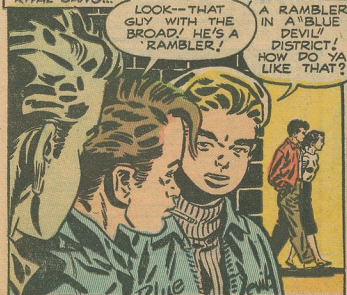
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THE COP!

GANG WARS ON THE CITY'S STREETS! NOT BY HARDENED CRIMINALS--BUT BY YOUNG THRILL-CRAZY YOUNGSTERS WHO HAVE BROKEN LOOSE FROM SOCIETY'S RESTRAINING INFLUENCE! ZIP GUNS AND SWITCH BLADES ARE BRAZENLY CARRIED BY BOYS AND GIRLS WHO HAVE TAKEN A PATH THAT CAN ONLY LEAD TO JAIL, DISGRACE, OR TO THE...GRAVE! IT'S **GANG WAR!**



YOU HAD TO BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU WALKED IN THE CITY'S STREETS--ESPECIALLY IF YOU WERE IN A TERRITORY DOMINATED BY A RIVAL GANG...

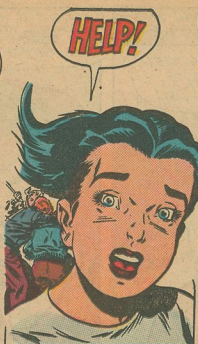


LOOK--THAT GUY WITH THE BROAD! HE'S A RAMBLER!

A RAMBLER IN A "BLUE DEVIL" DISTRICT! HOW DO YA LIKE THAT?

I GUESS IT'S TIME TO TEACH THAT CRUMB A LESSON! LET'S GO!





THE CITY HAS A GRAPEVINE OF ITS OWN, AND BEFORE LONG, NEWS OF THE KNIFING GOT BACK TO THE RAMBLERS...

THEY CAUGHT STONY AND GIVE IT TO HIM! OKAY--THOSE "BLUE DEVILS" ASKED FOR IT!

LET'S MEET AT THE HIDEOUT TONIGHT!

POOL

TONIGHT IT IS! PASS THE WORD-- AND DON'T FORGET YOUR AMMUNITION!

I GOT ME A NEW ZIP GUN THAT I'VE BEEN WANTING TO TRY OUT! I GUESS I'LL INITIATE IT ON A "BLUE DEVIL"!

MEANWHILE, AS OFFICER KENNY COGAN MADE HIS REPORT AT THE PRECINCT...

THAT KNIFING IS GOING TO START ANOTHER GANG WAR--SURE AS YOU'RE STANDING THERE. WE HAVE TO GET A LINE ON THESE GANGS, COGAN. THAT'S WHY I HAVE YOU POUNDING A BEAT IN YOUR OLD NEIGHBORHOOD!

IF WE HAD SOME DECENT PLAYGROUNDS-- SOME SUPERVISION-- THOSE KIDS WOULDN'T HAVE TO FORM GANGS!

THAT'S FOR THE SOCIAL WORKERS TO WORRY ABOUT--NOT OUR JOB! WE'RE ONLY SUPPOSED TO CLEAN UP THE DIRT AFTER THEY LET IT PILE UP. NOW GET A LINE ON THOSE GANGS OR SOME MORE KIDS WILL GET A KNIFE STUCK INTO 'EM!

WHEN KENNY COMES BACK TO HIS BEAT...

COME BACK HERE, TOMMY! COME BACK!

LEMME ALONE!

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO, KENNY? THE BOY'S RUNNING TO A MEETING OF THE RAMBLER GANG. IT MEANS TROUBLE!

TAKE IT EASY, MRS. WOKALSKI. YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO KNOW WHERE THEY'RE MEETING?

NO--BUT ALL THE KIDS ON THE STREET ARE GOING--! LOOK--EVEN YER OWN BROTHER, WILLIE!



WAIT A MINUTE, WILLIE!

LEGGO, KENNY-- I'M IN A HURRY!

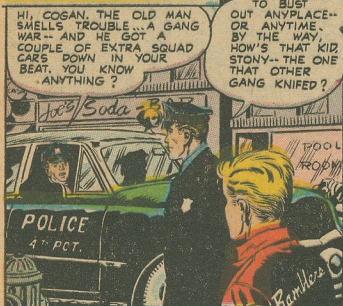
BUS STOP



IT'S PRETTY LATE IN THE SEASON FOR BASEBALL--! YOU'RE GOING INTO THAT GANG FIGHT, AREN'T YOU?

WE AIN'T LETTING THAT "BLUE DEVIL" GANG GET AWAY WITH IT. THEY'LL PAY FOR WHAT THEY DID TO STONY!

JUST THEN, A SQUAD CAR ROLLED UP TO THE HOUSE...



HI, COGAN. THE OLD MAN SMELLS TROUBLE...A GANG WAR-- AND HE GOT A COUPLE OF EXTRA SQUAD CARS DOWN IN YOUR BEAT. YOU KNOW ANYTHING?

NO, RYAN! IT'S LIABLE TO BUST OUT ANYPLACE--OR ANYTIME. BY THE WAY, HOW'S THAT KID, STONY--THE ONE THAT OTHER GANG KNIFED?



THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE. THE KID DIED ABOUT AN HOUR AGO. KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN--THINGS ARE GOING TO BUST WIDE OPEN!



STONY-- DEAD-- I--I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

WHO'S NEXT, WILLIE? YOU--? SOME OTHER BUDDY? YOU HAVE TO HELP ME, KID. WE HAVE TO BREAK UP THIS GANG FIGHT!



DEATH IS SOMETHING THE YOUNG FIND HARD TO GRASP--ESPECIALLY WHEN THE YOUNG DIE--AND THE NEWS SOBERED WILLIE...

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

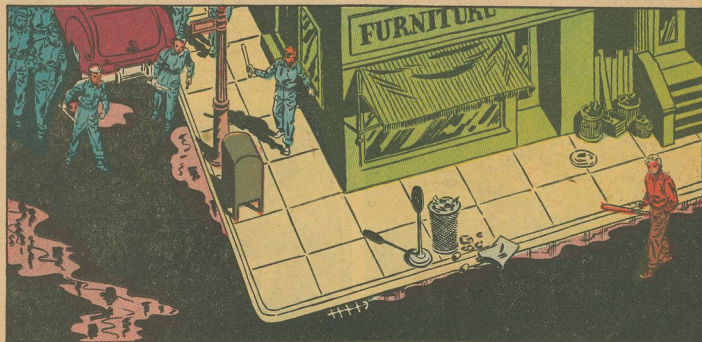
GIVE ME THE HIDEOUT OF THE RAMBLERS--AND THEN I WANT YOU TO HELP ME COLLAR THOSE BLUE DEVILS. BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE GUTS--MORE GUTS THAN FIGHTING WITH A GANG!



QUICKLY, THE COP OUTLINED HIS PLAN AND THEN WAITED FOR HIS BROTHER'S DECISION...

WELL-- WHAT DO YOU SAY?

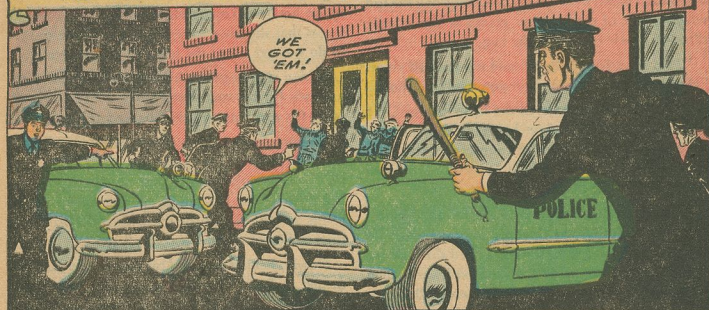
OKAY!



A ZIP GUN--THE HOME-MADE WEAPON OF DEATH! BUT THE COP SAW IT AND MOVED LIKE A FLASH...



JUST THEN, THE STREET SEEMED TO COME ALIVE WITH SQUAD CARS THAT CONVERGED ON THE SPOT...



GOOD WORK, COGAN. WE MANAGED TO GET THAT RAMBLER GANG AND THEIR ARSENAL BEFORE THEY COULD DO ANY TROUBLE. WILL YOU LOOK AT THE MURDEROUS STUFF THOSE KIDS WERE CARRYING?



LATER THAT NIGHT...

WE GOT THE KIDS WHO DID IT, MRS. BURNS! THEY CONFESSED KNIFING STONY!



THAT DOESN'T DO ME ANY GOOD NOW! (SOB.) I LOST--MY--BOY! MY STONY--! (SOB.)

MAYBE YOU SEE WHAT I WAS TRYING TO GET ACROSS TO YOU, WILLIE. BECAUSE YOU WORKED WITH THE POLICE, THERE'S GOING TO BE ONLY ONE FUNERAL IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD!



A SHORT WAIT FOR DEATH

JOHN GRANNIS, the neighborhood druggist, was counting up his receipts on Saturday night. It was two minutes to closing time and Grannis was glad of it. It had been a busy day for the small store and he was feeling pretty tired. But some of the weariness left him as he counted up the money. It had been a very good day. There was over three hundred dollars in the cash register. He was so absorbed in counting it that he paid little attention to the tinkle of the bell over the front door.

When he did look up, over the tops of his glasses, he started to apologize for making the customer wait. But suddenly, it seemed to him he was facing a man who wore a black hat and had no face at all. Then John Grannis' heart leaped to his throat as he realized he was looking at a man who had a flour bag pulled down over his head. A flour bag behind which a pair of cat-like eyes glared at him cruelly through a pair of slits in the bag.

"This is a stick-up, Pop," said the muffled voice. "Hand over your dough and you won't get hurt."

"Y-yes, s-sir," stammered the little druggist. He assumed more fright than he really felt. Slowly, his hand groped under the counter for the little shelf where he kept the old revolver. His hand touched it and he began to raise the weapon.

"Trying to be a hero, eh?" snarled the holdup man, and before John Grannis could squeeze the trigger of his own gun, the thief fired through his coat pocket. Grannis was rocked backward, then sagged to the floor behind his counter. The gunman swept up a handful of bills, stuffed them in his pocket, and ran from the store to be swallowed up by the darkness.

A few hours later, Detective Pat Polo kicked open the door of the squad room and carefully laid a crumpled white flour bag on the table in front of Detective Sergeant Mark Fabian.

"It's all yours, Mark," said the detective. "We think this is the flour bag used by the Flour Bag Bandit in his sixth job."

Fabian stared at the bag for a minute without touching it.

"His sixth, eh? He's been pretty lucky so far. Not even a lead on him."

"It's not going to be so lucky if the old man dies," growled Polo. "He shot a storekeeper this time."

Interest limned Fabian's eyes as he looked up to meet Polo's gaze. "Where, who and what?"

"Neighborhood druggist out in the lonely Park-side district," responded the plain-clothes man. "Fellow's name was—let's see—! Oh yeah—John Grannis!"

Fabian seemed to go very rigid although there was no change in the inflection of his voice. "And you think he's going to die?"

"It's hit or miss right now. They got him at Metropolitan Hospital with a slug in his chest. Too near the heart for comfort, I guess. The docs are working over the old boy and we can't get to him for questions and answers yet. But before he went under, he did mumble something about the 'flour bag bandit' and then one of the boys picked this up on his beat. Laying right on top of an ashcan. Guess that shooting scared him, and all he wanted to do was get rid of the bag and run."

Fabian slowly got to his feet and started to the hat rack for his coat. Pat Polo watched him curiously for a minute and then barked at him.

"Where do you think you're going, Mark?" he asked surprised. "The chief wants us to get to work on this case right away. Come on—we'll take the bag down to the lab and have it dusted for fingerprints and the rest of the scientific stuff. This is no time to be going out for coffee."

Slowly, Fabian replaced his coat on the rack and turned to Polo. "I wasn't going out for coffee. I was going to run up to the hospital and see the old boy. Thought he might be able to tell me something."

"I told you he's telling nobody nothing. They got him under an anesthetic while they probe for the bullet. According to the Doc, he won't be able to talk for a couple of days—if he ever talks at all. Besides, they'll call us when he's ready to sound off."

"I see," said Fabian, almost inaudibly.

"In the meantime, we can see what we can uncover with this sack. It's the first time we've been able to get our hands on one of those masks. Now let's get down to the lab and see if the bright boys there can give us the rat's name, address and social security number. Are you coming?"

Fabian followed Polo out of the room and toward the lab technician's office. The flour bag was

gently dropped on a table and quickly dusted for fingerprints. Polo and Fabian put some fire to cigarettes and silently stood by puffing and watching the lab workers analyze the flour bag. After what seemed like an eternity, the chief of the lab beckoned to them.

"We got a good set of prints, all right," he snapped. But as Pat eagerly leaned forward, he wearily raised his hand. "But it was the coot who sold the bag of flour. The smudged prints belonged to our boy who was smart enough to wear gloves. Looks like nowadays only honest people leave their prints around. Aside from that, all we found were these few hairs in the bag."

He gestured toward a slide and Fabian leaned down to study the hairs. The lab man delicately picked them up in tweezers and held them under Fabian's nose.

"Smell," he said. "Looks like our boy likes strong stuff in the barber shops."

Fabian and Polo sniffed at the hairs and Fabian walked away for a minute. He seemed deep in thought. Polo knew him well enough to know that the wheels were going around and this wasn't a good time to interrupt the chain of thoughts.

"Mind if I take the hairs, Doc?" asked Fabian.

"They're all yours. We're through with them. What are you thinking of doing?" continued the lab chief. "Starting a file of hairs on all the rats we bring in. We'd have two files then. A hair file—and fingerprint file."

Fabian didn't bother to answer, but put the hairs into an envelope and walked out of the lab tailed by Polo. Pat had been on many cases with Detective Fabian, but he didn't quite remember seeing Fabian react to a case like he had to this one. They retired to the squad room again and with painstaking care began to reenact all of the six holdups done by the bandit who had worn the flour bag.

The thief was always alone. He always chose a small out of the way store. A grocery, drug store, delicatessen or liquor store. His take was never too much and up to the last job had never had cause to use his gun. No victim could describe the robber other than he was average build and wore a slitted flour bag over his face.

Then Fabian checked the addresses of the previous robberies, detailed Polo to browse around one of them and took the bus to the place where the first robbery had taken place. He had samples of the hair with him. When he arrived at the quiet

location, he looked about for the nearest barber shop and stepped inside.

When he identified himself, the barber protested his innocence at once. Fabian quickly reassured him by saying it was just a routine investigation. He began to make a minute examination of the floor, scooped some hair up and inspected it. He walked behind the chairs and sniffed at the bottles of pomade and hair tonic and then quietly left.

The same routine was repeated in two other barber shops he had staked out in the vicinity of previous robberies. But it wasn't until he came to the third shop that his eyes took on a peculiar glint. From that moment on, Fabian never left the barber shop while it was open unless Polo was relieving him. He began to despair of seeing his quarry on the third day when he suddenly spotted his man. The suspect was thin, average height with black hair that was beginning to recede on the top. Fabian waited without giving evidence of anything unusual until the barber began to cut his hair. Quietly, he stood up, scooped up some of the hairs on the floor and walked into a back room where he made a quick comparison with the hairs in the envelope. To the naked eye they seemed alike, but of course, the lab would have to confirm his findings. However, it wasn't until the customer requested a hair tonic Fabian had been watching for days—a hair tonic whose scent he was very conscious of, that he left the back room and sidled up to the customer.

"You're under arrest, Mister, on suspicion of being the 'flour bag bandit'."

The man blanched and then suddenly leaped out of the chair and lunged for the barber's razor blade. Fabian's fist caught him right behind the eyes and he crumpled like a punctured balloon.

Later, after the chief had complimented him and the confession was all wrapped up, Fabian began to chuckle to Polo.

"If it wasn't for that corny junk he used on his hair, I never would have been sure. Why—that stuff is so bad, that barber shop was the only one of the six that would even handle it. And that's because the barber was just trying to use it up. He was the only guy who ever asked for it."

"I've seen you get your teeth into a case like a bulldog—but this one . . . you acted like you had a personal grudge against the guy," said Polo.

"I did," said Fabian thoughtfully. "You see the druggist he shot happens to be my uncle."

THE END

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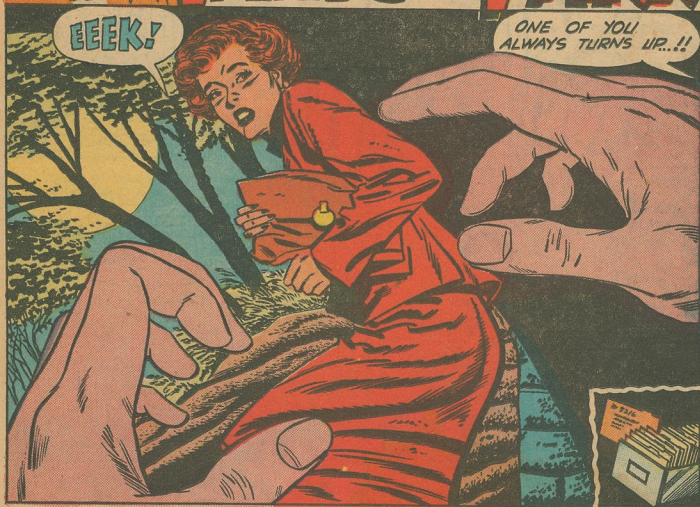
A park is supposed to be a place for play and relaxation...

I guess that's what it should be... a retreat from the cement

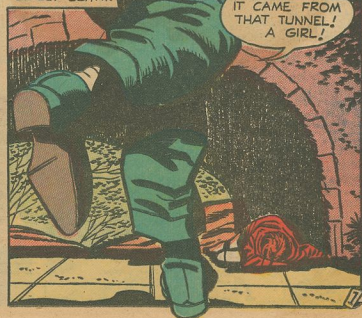
But at night the shadows close in and make it a convenient stamping grounds for the dregs who crawl out of the darkness.

And that's how things stood when we tackled...

PANIC *in The* PARK



THE ANGUISHED CRY CUT THROUGH THE NIGHT AND REACHED THE EARS OF THE OFFICER WALKING HIS LONELY BEAT...



PAT POLG, MY PARTNER, AND ME WERE WORKING THE NIGHT WATCH OUT OF ROBBERY WHEN THE CALL CAME IN... IT WAS 10:30.

ANOTHER ONE, MARK! SOUNDS LIKE THE SAME SET-UP. FOUND THE GIRL IN ANOTHER OF THOSE UNDERPASSES, IN THE PARK.

THAT MAKES NUMBER FIVE IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS! WHERE'S THE GIRL?



THE GIRL HAD BEEN TAKEN TO METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, AND WE QUICKLY SNAKED OUR WAY THROUGH THE EVENING TRAFFIC AND GOT THERE ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES LATER...

SHE'S HAD A BAD SHOCK, SERGEANT! I WOULDN'T QUESTION HER TOO LONG!

SURE, DOC, SURE!



SHE WAS A PRETTY KID... BEFORE SHE WAS BANGED UP! ONE LOOK AT HER EYES AND YOU COULD SEE SHE WAS RELIVING THE WHOLE THING OVER AGAIN...

I HATE TO BOTHER YOU NOW, MISS, BUT CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE? ANY IDENTIFYING MARKS OR STUFF LIKE THAT?

I WAS... GOING HOME... TAKING A SHORTCUT THROUGH THE PARK! AND THEN... HE... HE SUDDENLY CAME AT ME... HE BEGAN TO HIT... HE HIT ME...



SURE, MISS! TAKE IT EASY! TRY TO REST!

POOR KID! COME ON, PAT! SHE'S STILL IN A STATE OF SHOCK!



FIVE TIMES THAT REPORT HAD COME IN NOW! FIVE PRETTY YOUNG KIDS HAD TAKEN A CRUEL BEATING! AND WE'RE STILL CHASING OUR TAILS...

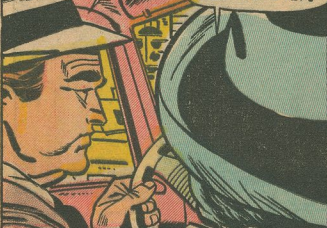
THE WAY IT ADDS UP... IT'S THE SAME GUY...

YEAH... TOOK NO MONEY... JUST HER MAKE-UP STUFF... LIPSTICK... COMPACT...



I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT! MUST BE SOME KIND OF PSYCHO! ALWAYS SOME PRETTY BROAD... ALWAYS THAT SAME BEATING... AND ALL HE TAKES IS THEIR COSMETICS...

THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT SO TOUGH! THERE'S NOTHING TO GO ON WHEN YOU DEAL WITH THAT KIND! I GUESS THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT MORE QUESTIONS FROM THE CHIEF!



CHIEF WANTS TO SEE YOU ON THE DOUBLE, SARGE!

IT FIGURED!



THE CHIEF STOPPED PACING WHEN I WALKED IN. ONE LOOK AT HIM, AND I KNEW HE'D CAUGHT IT FROM UPSTAIRS AND WAS GOING TO PASS IT ON TO ME! I WASN'T WRONG...

WELL... ANY LEADS? ANY CLUES? WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT COLLARING THAT MANIAC WHO USES THE PARK FOR HIS PLAYGROUND?

THE GIRL COULDN'T GIVE US MUCH, CHIEF!



THAT'S THE FIFTH ONE! BLAST IT, FABIAN! A GIRL HAS A RIGHT TO WALK IN THE PARK AT NIGHT WITHOUT SOMEBODY REACHING FOR HER THROAT! AND DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE DOING YOUR BEST!

I KNOW... IT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH!

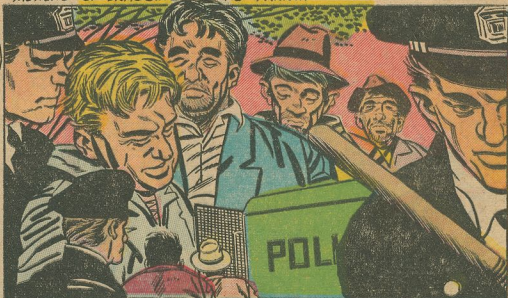


WE'LL THROW OUT A DRAGNET AND SEE WHAT WE CATCH!

YOU'D BETTER CATCH SOMETHING... AND FAST! BECAUSE I'M GETTING TIRED OF CATCHING IT FROM UPSTAIRS!



FRANKLY, I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH HOPE OF HITTING THE JACKPOT, BUT YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING! SO THE FOLLOWING NIGHT WE WENT THROUGH THE MOTIONS OF DRAGGING THE PARK...



WE BROUGHT IN A COUPLE OF THE VICTIMS AND PUT OUR CATCH THROUGH THE LINE-UP...

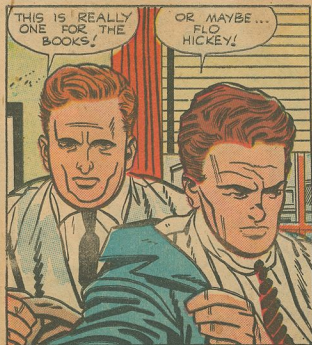
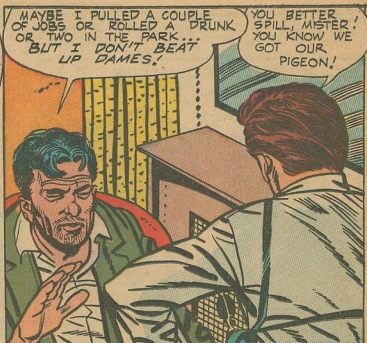
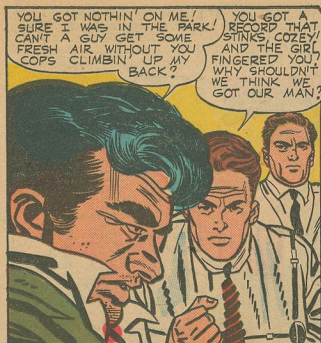
IF YOU SEE ANYBODY WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE GUY, GIRLS, SING OUT! THEY CAN'T SEE YOU FROM WHERE THEY'RE STANDING!



THAT ONE! THERE! HE... HE LOOKS LIKE THE ONE!

BRING HIM INTO THE SQUAD ROOM, PAT!





POLICEWOMAN FLORENCE HICKEY LOOKED LIKE THE KIND OF A GIRL YOU'D LIKE TO DATE... A COMBINATION OF BEAUTY AND BRAINS. WE QUICKLY SPELLED THE WHOLE THING OUT FOR HER...

THIS BABY HASN'T KILLED ANYONE YET FLO... YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS!

BECAUSE HE MIGHT START ON ME SERGEANT?



YEP! I WOULDN'T BLAME YOU FOR TURNING DOWN THIS ASSIGNMENT! IT'S ASKING A LOT!

WELL... NO GIRL LIKES TO HAVE HER FEATURES SCRAMBLED, BUT WHEN I JOINED THE DEPARTMENT, I DIDN'T EXPECT A TEA PARTY! LET'S TRY IT!



WE SAT DOWN TO FIGURE OUT THE ANGLES AND FORGOT ABOUT SHUT-EYE. THEN, THE FOLLOWING NIGHT...

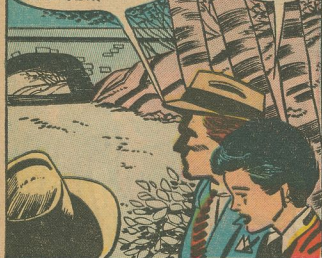
BRR... IT LOOKS LONE-SOME!

HE'LL BE LOOKING FOR UNIFORMED MEN, SO WE SPOTTED PLAIN CLOTHES MEN ALL AROUND THE PLACE! LEAVE THE CAR HERE, PAT!



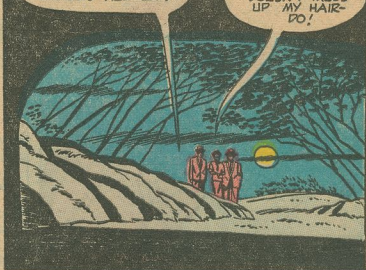
THAT TUNNEL JUST AHEAD HAS BEEN ONE OF HIS FAVORITE SPOTS! WE'LL BE UP ON THAT OVERPASS, FLO... JUST IN CASE...

KEEP AN EYE ON ME, SERGEANT-- I'M SCARED!



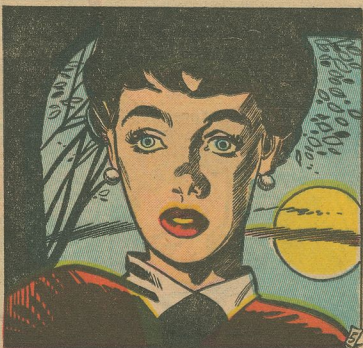
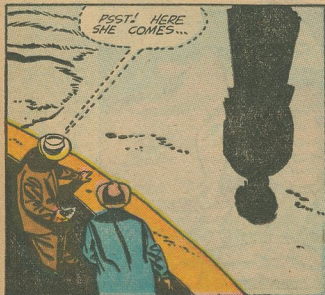
I DON'T BLAME YOU! BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE IT ALONE THROUGH THE TUNNEL! ALL SET?

WELL, I HAVE MY LITTLE '22 WITH ME! HERE'S HOPING HESS DOESN'T MESS UP MY HAIR-DO!



PAT AND I DUCKED AND TOOK UP OUR STATIONS ON THE OVERPASS AND BEGAN TO WAIT! YOU COULD ALMOST HEAR THE QUIET!

PSST! HERE SHE COMES...



I THINK I HEARD FLO'S SCREAM BEFORE IT RIPPED FROM HER THROAT! AND WE MOVED... BUT FAST!



WASN'T TOO GENTLE WHEN I GRABBED THE HULK AND YANKED HIM OUT OF THE TUNNEL! HE WAS SCREAMING IN A HIGH PITCHED VOICE... TOO HIGH!



WHEN PAT YANKED THE HAT OFF, WE FOUND OURSELVES STARING AT A BIG, BUXXOM VAME WHO WAS PRACTICALLY FOAMING AT THE MOUTH...



SHE WAS STILL RAVING WHEN THEY DRAGGED HER OFF!



ANYWAY IT WORKED, FLO! MAYBE YOU'LL EVEN GET A CITATION!

I'D RATHER HAVE A RAISE! YOU CAN'T BUY STOCKINGS WITH CITATIONS!



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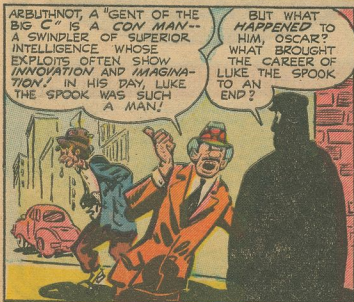
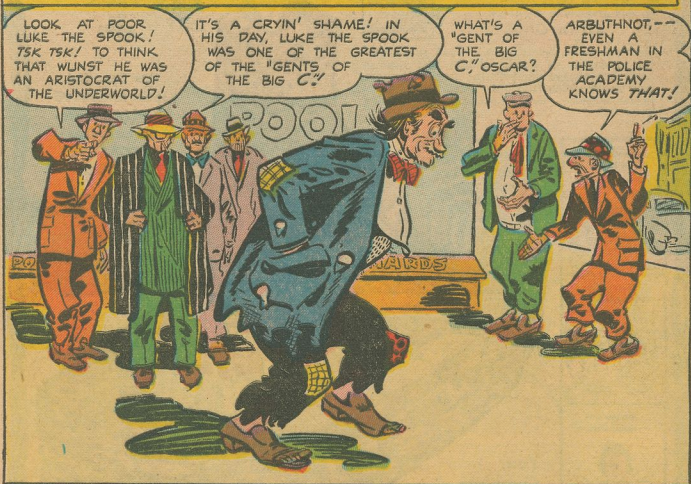
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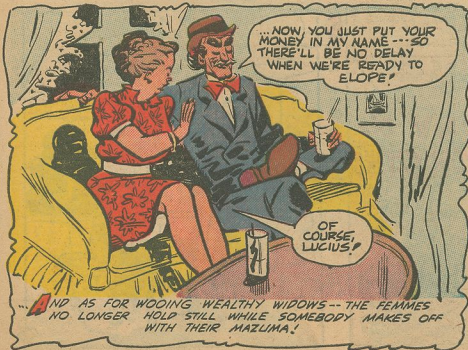
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He was born Lucius Cockleburrr, but it was not under that name that he rose to the heights, nor was it as Lucius Cockleburrr that he hit the skids. Always, through good times or bad, he was known to the denizens of the underworld--and to various Police Departments as--

LUKE *the* SPOOK

AS WE OPEN THIS REPORT, THE TIME IS OVER WHEN OTHER AND LESSER OPERATORS REGARD LUKE THE SPOOK WITH A MIXTURE OF AWE, ADMIRATION AND JEALOUSY...







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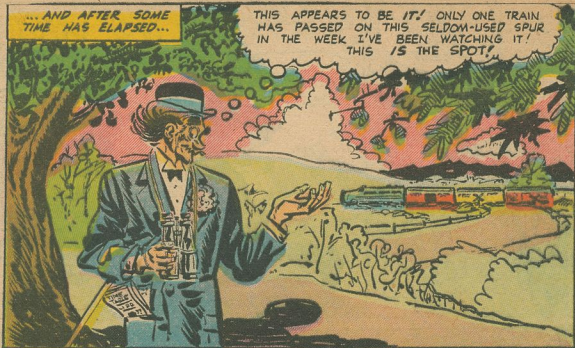
THERE CAME AN
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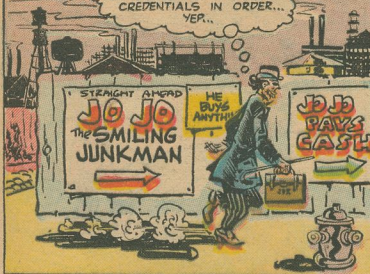
... AND AFTER SOME
TIME HAS ELAPSED...

THIS APPEARS TO BE IT! ONLY ONE TRAIN
HAS PASSED ON THIS SELDOM-USED SPUR
IN THE WEEK I'VE BEEN WATCHING IT!
THIS IS THE SPOT!



WORTHWHILE, BACK TO TOWN GOES LUKE THE SPOOK.
NOR DOES HE HEAD FOR THE "ELITE" SECTION,
WHERE THE CON MAN'S PICKINGS FIGURE TO BE
BETTER...

LET'S SEE NOW... FAKE
CREDENTIALS IN ORDER...
YEP...



HMM... YOUR NAME'S ROCKEBOY AND
YOU'RE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONG
ISLE RAILROAD! THE DEAL YOU OFFER
MIGHT INTEREST ME!
IT JUST
MIGHT!

MR. JO JO,
YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE
UP YOUR MIND AT
ONCE! MY RAILROAD
HAS OTHER BIDS!



WELL, MR. ROCKEBOY,
BEFORE I PASS OVER
MY MONEY I WANNA
BE CERTAIN EVERY-
THING IS LEGAL...

TO BE SURE! COME,
WE'LL GO BEFORE
A NOTARY AND SIGN
THE CONTRACT!

I'VE WIT-
NESSED THE
SIGNATURES,
GENTLEMEN!
EVERYTHING
SEEMS
QUITE
LEGAL!

HEH
HEH! WAIT
TILL
THEY
TRY TO
FIND
A J.B.
ROCKE-
BOY!

HERE'S YOUR CONTRACT
FROM THE RAILROAD,
MR. JO JO! YOU CAN
GET STARTED
AT ONCE!

I INTEND
TO! HERE'S
YOUR
MONEY, MR.
ROCKEBOY--
A THOUSAND
DOLLARS!



THUS, A DAY OR SO LATER...

IT'S LUKE THE SPOOK! DON'T HE LOOK GREAT?

HE SURE DOES! NOTHING LIKE A COMEBACK TO TONE A GUY UP!

COMEBACK, OSCAR? DID HE MAKE A COMEBACK?

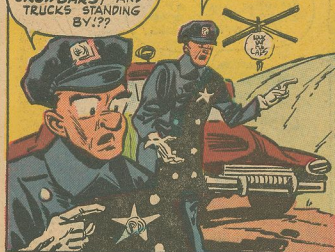
I'LL SAY, ARBUTHNOT! LUKE THE SPOOK JUST PULLED ONE OF THE NEATEST CAPERS IN THE HISTORY OF SWINDLING...



AND AT ALMOST THAT INSTANT, A FEW MILES OUTSIDE OF TOWN, A POLICE CAR COMES TO A STOP...

LOOK OVER THERE, FLATO! WORKMEN WITH ACETYLENE TORCHES AND CROWBARS, AND TRUCKS STANDING BY???

AND ANOTHER MAN SEEMS TO BE DIRECTING OPERATIONS! HE LOOKS LIKE...



... HE IS!!
JO JO,
THE
JUNKMAN!

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, JO JO? YOU LOST YOUR MIND? WHAT FOR YOU RIPPING OUT THEM RAILROAD TRACKS?

FOR JUNK, THAT'S WHAT FOR! THESE TRACKS IS MINE!



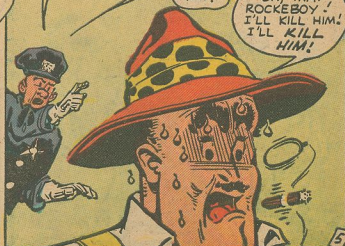
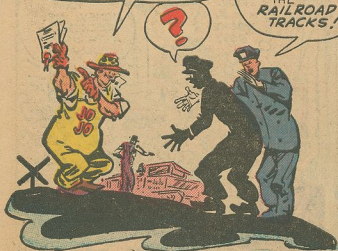
... HERE'S THE LEGAL PAPERS TO PROVE IT! I CONTRACTED WITH MR. ROCKEBOY OF THE LONG ISLE RAILROAD COMPANY TO BUY 5 TONS OF RAILS FOR \$1,000...

OH, BROTHER... HAS HE BEEN HAD! SOME CON MAN SOLD HIM THE RAILROAD TRACKS!

NOT ONLY HAVE YOU BEEN TAKEN FOR YOUR DOUGH, JO JO, BUT...

...YOU'RE SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION BY THE LONG ISLE RAILROAD COMPANY FOR DESTROYING THEIR RIGHT OF WAY!

OH, THAT ROCKEBOY! I'LL KILL HIM! I'LL KILL HIM!



BUT
THE
TRIUMPH
OF
LUKE
THE
SPOOK
IS
SHORT-
LIVED.
IT
IS
ONLY
A
COUPLE
OF
DAYS
LATER
WHEN...

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RAILROAD AIN'T
GONNA PROSECUTE JO JO
THE JUNKMAN FOR
RIPPING UP THEIR
RAILS!

ON THE CONTRARY-- TURNS
OUT THEY WAS FIGURIN' TO
DISCONTINUE THAT SPUR
ANYHOW! ONLY THING HELD
'EM UP WAS HOW TO GET
RID OF THE TRACKS!

NOW THEY FOUND
JO JO CAN DO IT--
THEY'RE **PAYING**
HIM TO REMOVE 'EM!
JO JO'LL MAKE A
MINT FROM TRANS-
SHIPPING THAT METAL!

LUKE THE
SPOOK, YOU
ONLY GOT A
CRUMMY \$1,000
OUT OF THE
CAPER! HAW!
WHAT A
"C" MAN!

TO SAY THE
LEAST-- YOU
AIN'T THE
MOST!

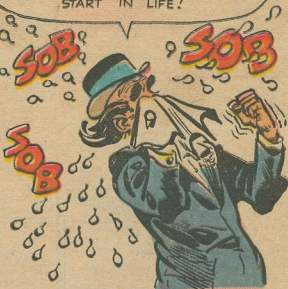
"GENT OF THE BIG
CON" MY **FOOT!**
YOU'RE NOTHING
BUT A
NOTHING!

A
WASH-
OUT!

A HAS BEEN!!

THEY'RE
RIGHT!

I'M FINISHED! I CAN'T STAND THEIR
DERISION! I CAN'T STAND THEIR
LAUGHING AT ME! I SHALL--I **MUST**--
BREAK CLEAN AND GET A FRESH
START IN LIFE!



THUS...

SINCE YOU
RETURNED
THE
JUNKMAN'S
\$1,000-- HE
REFUSES TO
PROSECUTE!

SURE, LUKE--
I AIN'T MAD!
YOU PUT ME
ONTO A
**REAL GOOD
THING!**
I'M IN A FAIR
WAY TO
GETTIN'
WEALTHY!

YOU'RE
FREE, BUT
JUST
REMEMBER--
WE'RE
GONNA
KEEP
CLOSE
TABS ON
YOU! ALL
RIGHT,
SPOOK--
VANISH!

Y...
YES,
SIRS!

J. B. BOWLING
DISTRICT
ATTORNEY

**A
D
S
O**

POOR LUKE
THE SPOOK!
WOT GIVES
WITH HIM
THESE DAYS,
OSCAR?

DUNNO, ARBUTHNOT!
THE GRAPEVINE SAYS
HE'S TRYING
TO MAKE ENOUGH
DOUGH TO GET INTO
THE **JUNK
BUSINESS!!**



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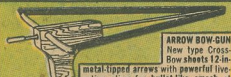
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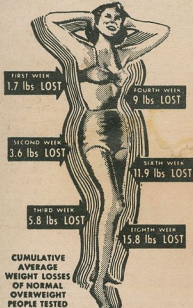
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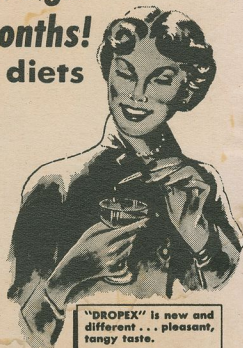
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